

**National Park Service  
Status Report on Katrina's Impact on Cultural Resources  
Gathered by NPS Cultural Resources Staff  
9/16/2005**

**Note:** This information supplements status reports provided on the following web sites:

NPS Digest, Daily Headlines  
<http://data2.itc.nps.gov/digest/>

American Association of Museums  
<http://www.aam-us.org/aamlatest/news/HurricaneFirstReports.cfm>

Heritage Preservation  
<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/>

American Library Association  
[http://www.ala.org/al\\_onlineTemplate.cfm?Section=alonline&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=103278](http://www.ala.org/al_onlineTemplate.cfm?Section=alonline&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=103278)

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AL					
Pickensville	Montgomery, Corps of Engineers	(NHL sternwheel snagboat), no damage	9/1/05	Kevin Foster, NPS Maritime Heritage Program 202-354-2260 Kevin_Foster@nps.gov	
FL					

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Dry Tortugas National Park	Dry Tortugas National Park	<p>Historic cannon “sand blasted,” removing protective coating down to primer, flash rusting. Conservation team to provide emergency stabilization treatment 9/19-26/05.</p> <p>Fort Jefferson: Curtain Wall lost 500 sq. ft. of brickwork, adjacent to area that had previously failed. Moat wall (seawall) had minor loss of 10 lf. of brick coping. Dredging moat to remove 400 yards of sand.</p>	8/31/05; Update 9/12/05; 9/13/05	<p>Allen Bohnert, Chief, Museum Services, Southeast Region, NPS 404-562-3117 x 665 <a href="mailto:allen_bohnert@nps.gov">allen_bohnert@nps.gov</a></p> <p>Nancy Russell, Curator South Florida Collection Management Center Everglades National Park phone 305-242-7826 fax 305-242-7836 <a href="mailto:Nancy_Russell@nps.gov">Nancy_Russell@nps.gov</a></p> <p>Ross Hunt, Exhibit Specialist (Structures) Dry Tortugas National Park 305-294-8543 <a href="mailto:Ross_Hunt@nps.gov">Ross_Hunt@nps.gov</a></p>	<p>Nancy Russell, Curator South Florida Collection Management Center Everglades National Park phone 305-242-7826 fax 305-242-7836 <a href="mailto:Nancy_Russell@nps.gov">Nancy_Russell@nps.gov</a></p> <p>Ross Hunt, Exhibit Specialist (Structures) Dry Tortugas National Park 305-294-8543 <a href="mailto:Ross_Hunt@nps.gov">Ross_Hunt@nps.gov</a></p>
Everglades National Park	Everglades National Park	Flamingo Museum, loss of electricity, operating dehumidifiers to prevent mold growth, no damage to collections.	9/14/05	<p>Nancy Russell, Curator South Florida Collection Management Center Everglades National Park phone 305-242-7826 fax 305-242-7836 <a href="mailto:Nancy_Russell@nps.gov">Nancy_Russell@nps.gov</a></p>	<p>Nancy Russell, Curator South Florida Collection Management Center Everglades National Park phone 305-242-7826 fax 305-242-7836 <a href="mailto:Nancy_Russell@nps.gov">Nancy_Russell@nps.gov</a></p>
<b>LA</b>					
Chandeleur Islands	Chandeleur lighthouse, Breton National Wildlife Refuge	Chandeleur lighthouse (formerly active US Coast Guard lighthouse) not visible from aerial photos, presumed destroyed	9/6/05	<p>Kevin Foster, NPS Maritime Heritage Program 202-354-2260 <a href="mailto:Kevin_Foster@nps.gov">Kevin_Foster@nps.gov</a></p>	
New Orleans	<i>Delta Queen</i> (Delta Queen)	(NHL sternwheel passenger river boat) No damage, was cruising	9/1/05; Update	Kevin Foster, NPS Maritime Heritage Program	See <a href="http://www.deltaqueen.com">http://www.deltaqueen.com</a>

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	Steamboat Company)	well upriver. Will operate out of Memphis for now.	9/6/05	202-354-2260 Kevin_Foster@nps.gov	
New Orleans	New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park	Visitor Center in the French Quarter at 916 N. Peters has been inspected. It was not flooded.	9/5/05;	Sara Wolf, NPS National Incident Management Team, <a href="mailto:sara_wolf@nps.gov">sara_wolf@nps.gov</a>  Debbie Santiago, NPS National Incident Management Team, 661-332-1754, fax 623-321-1748	same
New Orleans	Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve (French Quarter, 419 Decatur Street visitor center, headquarters, collections storage)	Site has been inspected. The roof of the structure suffered some damage, but is solid and secure. The structure and contents are dry and the collections have no mold. Collections are removed and in transit to temporary storage at Natchez National Historical Park. Archival Collections on loan to University of New Orleans Library Special Collections are dry.	9/5/05; Update 9/9/05; 9/13/05; 9/15/05; 9/16/05	Sara Wolf, NPS National Incident Management Team, <a href="mailto:sara_wolf@nps.gov">sara_wolf@nps.gov</a>  Debbie Santiago, NPS National Incident Management Team, 661-332-1754, fax 623-321-1748  Pam West, NPS National Incident Management Team, <a href="mailto:pbethw@nextel.blackberry.net">pbethw@nextel.blackberry.net</a> 202-437-8506	same
New Orleans	Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve (Barataria Preserve)	Visitor center metal roof has extensive damage, requiring total replacement. Heavy wind damage to many trees.	9/5/05 Update 9/14/05; 9/16/05	Debbie Santiago, NPS National Incident Management Team, 661-332-1754, fax 623-321-1748  Pam West, NPS National Incident Management Team, <a href="mailto:pbethw@nextel.blackberry.net">pbethw@nextel.blackberry.net</a> 202-437-8506	
New Orleans	Jean Lafitte National Historical Park	Structures and cemetery were flooded and extensively damaged; flood waters and aftermath are a	9/9/05; Update 9/13/05,	Sara Wolf, NPS National Incident Management Team, <a href="mailto:sara_wolf@nps.gov">sara_wolf@nps.gov</a>	

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	and Preserve (Chalmette Battlefield and National Cemetery)	bio-hazard. Many downed trees being removed. Visitor center flooded with 42" of water and has extensive mold damage. It is a total loss. Most museum objects got wet. Nineteen high priority museum objects have been retrieved from visitor center and sent to Springfield Armory conservator for treatment. Objects include muskets, swords, medallions, pistols. Historic resource management records removed from second floor of the historic superintendent's lodge in the cemetery. Archeological reconnaissance and hazardous materials remediation plan scheduled.	9/15/05; 9/16/05	Debbie Santiago, NPS National Incident Management Team, 661-332-1754, fax 623-321-1748  Pam West, NPS National Incident Management Team, <a href="mailto:pbethw@nextel.blackberry.net">pbethw@nextel.blackberry.net</a> 202-437-8506	
New Orleans	Longue Vue	Major tree damage; house dry but high RH; no collections were flooded; concerns re: mold.	9/11/05	Alan Z. Aiches Historic Preservation Specialist Museum Collections Liaison FEMA Joint Field Office – 1603-DR-LA Baton Rouge, LA 70802 225-376-5146 202-365-1697 (mobile) <a href="mailto:alan.aiches@dhs.gov">alan.aiches@dhs.gov</a>	same
New Orleans	New Canal Light (US Coast Guard, active)	(at entrance to Lake Ponchartrain) From photos appears to be knocked off foundation	9/1/05	Kevin Foster, NPS Maritime Heritage Program 202-354-2260 <a href="mailto:Kevin_Foster@nps.gov">Kevin_Foster@nps.gov</a>	
<b>MS</b>					
Biloxi	Beauvoir, The	Home: Aerial photo shows holes	9/1/05;	Ken P'Pool, Dept. of Historic	Same; see AAM website; See

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	Jefferson Davis Home and Presidential Library	torn in slate roof and galleries (porches) missing. Library: Built to withstand category 5 hurricane; first floor washed out by storm surge. Portraits salvaged after event additional recovery of artifacts begun. Historic library pavilion, Hayes cottage, Soldier's Home Barracks replica, Confederate Soldier's Museum, Giftshop, and director's home destroyed. Replicas of destroyed buildings will be built after restoration of Beauvoir and Presidential Library.	Update 9/13/05	Preservation, Mississippi Dept. of Archives and History Phone: 601-576-6940 Fax: 601-576-6955 E-mail: <a href="mailto:kppool@mdah.state.ms.us">kppool@mdah.state.ms.us</a>  David Preziosi, Exec. Director, Mississippi Heritage Trust, 601-354-0200, fax: 601-354-0220  See <a href="http://www.beauvoir.org">http://www.beauvoir.org</a>	photos <a href="http://www.mississippiheritage.com/HurricaneKatrina.html">http://www.mississippiheritage.com/HurricaneKatrina.html</a> ; hear NPR news report at <a href="http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=4835721">http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=4835721</a>  See <a href="http://www.beauvoir.org">http://www.beauvoir.org</a>
Biloxi	Breilmaier House (c. 1895)	Destroyed	9/6/05	David Preziosi, Exec. Director, Mississippi Heritage Trust, 601-354-0200, fax: 601-354-0220	Same; See photos <a href="http://www.mississippiheritage.com/HurricaneKatrina.html">http://www.mississippiheritage.com/HurricaneKatrina.html</a>
Biloxi	Biloxi Cemetery	Many trees uprooted; markers broken.	9/7/05	David Preziosi, Exec. Director, Mississippi Heritage Trust, 601-354-0200, fax: 601-354-0220	Same; See photos <a href="http://www.mississippiheritage.com/HurricaneKatrina.html">http://www.mississippiheritage.com/HurricaneKatrina.html</a>
Biloxi	Dantzler House	Destroyed	9/6/05	David Preziosi, Exec. Director, Mississippi Heritage Trust, 601-354-0200, fax: 601-354-0220	Same; See photos <a href="http://www.mississippiheritage.com/HurricaneKatrina.html">http://www.mississippiheritage.com/HurricaneKatrina.html</a>
Biloxi	Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum	A portion of the building remains. Some artifacts salvaged, including lens from Ship Island lighthouse.	9/6/05	John Linn Hopkins Hopkins & Assoc Preservation Consultants Memphis, TN 38104 901-278-5186; fax: 901-726-5993	Robin Krohn, museum staff, cell 228-380-2915
Biloxi	Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art	Aerial photo shows two of five buildings in new museum complex left (JLH). Pleasant Reed House	9/5/05 (JLH)	John Linn Hopkins Hopkins & Assoc Preservation Consultants	See AAM website. See photos <a href="http://www.mississippiheritage.com/HurricaneKatrina.html">http://www.mississippiheritage.com/HurricaneKatrina.html</a>

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		destroyed (DP).	9/6/05 (DP)	Memphis, TN 38104 901-278-5186; fax: 901-726-5993 David Preziosi, Exec. Director, Mississippi Heritage Trust, 601-354-0200, fax: 601-354-0220	
	Tullis-Toledano Manor	Aerial photo shows Tullis-Toledano House (c. 1860) destroyed (under the displaced casino barge); Tullis Slave Quarters (c. 1860) destroyed; Crawford House (c. 1850) destroyed	9/5/05	John Linn Hopkins Hopkins & Assoc Preservation Consultants Memphis, TN 38104 901-278-5186; fax: 901-726-5993	See photos <a href="http://www.mississippiheritage.com/HurricaneKatrina.html">http://www.mississippiheritage.com/HurricaneKatrina.html</a>
Jackson	Old Capitol Museum of Mississippi History (state historical museum)	Lost half of roof, 6,000 items in collection quickly relocated, little serious damage to collections. Roof replacement scheduled to begin 8/31	8/31/05	Ken P'Pool, Dept. of Historic Preservation, Mississippi Dept. of Archives and History Phone: 601-576-6940 Fax: 601-576-6955 E-mail: <a href="mailto:kppool@mdah.state.ms.us">kppool@mdah.state.ms.us</a>	same
Natchez	Natchez National Historical Park	At Melrose a backup generator supplied continuous power to the furnished exhibits in the mansion; the separate collections storage facility lost power, but it was restored within 36 hours. William Johnson House lost power only for two hours. No known collections damage.	9/7/05; Update 9/9/05	Kathleen Jenkins Chief of Resource Management, Natchez NHP 601-442-1431; fax: 601-445-0873; <a href="mailto:Kathleen_jenkins@nps.gov">Kathleen_jenkins@nps.gov</a>	same
Ocean Springs	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory	Coast Guard permitted access to collections on 9/15/05. Collections flooded. NPS Incident Management Team assisting with	9/15/05	Pam West, NPS National Incident Management Team, <a href="mailto:pbethw@nextel.blackberry.net">pbethw@nextel.blackberry.net</a> 202-437-8506	GCRL, Phone (228) 872-4200 - Fax (228) 872-4204

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		recovery of herbarium.		Debbie Santiago, NPS National Incident Management Team, 661-332-1754, fax 623-321-1748	
Ocean Springs	Gulf Islands National Seashore	Storm surge flooded exhibits and museum collections at Davis Bayou Visitor Center. Museum Emergency Response Team is stabilizing collections. Collections moved to NPS Southeast Archeological Center and Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve. Frozen archives to be shipped and treated off-site. See report for Gulf Coast Research Laboratory where some park herbarium specimens are stored.	9/8/05; update 9/15/05; 9/16/05	Roxanne Sellers Cultural Resources, Gulf Islands NS 850-934-2670  Pam West, NPS National Incident Management Team, <a href="mailto:pbethw@nextel.blackberry.net">pbethw@nextel.blackberry.net</a> 202-437-8506	same
Ship Island	Gulf Islands National Seashore Ft. Massachusetts	Storm surge flooded and damaged fort: earthen berm damaged, large granite blocks dislodged and in moat, interior filled with mud and debris several inches thick. Extent of damage to Rodman cannon, artifacts and exhibits unknown. Conservator visit scheduled. Reconstructed lighthouse destroyed.	9/8/05; Update 9/13/05; 9/16/05	Roxanne Sellers Cultural Resources, Gulf Islands NS 850-934-2670  Pam West, NPS National Incident Management Team, <a href="mailto:pbethw@nextel.blackberry.net">pbethw@nextel.blackberry.net</a> 202-437-8506	same
Vicksburg	Vicksburg NMP	Canopy covering the USS Cairo ripped in several places. Cooper caps blew off the cemetery gazebo.	9/2/05	NPS Morning Report	Vicksburg NMP, 601-636-0583, Fax: 601-636-9497, e-mail: VICK_Superintendent@nps.gov